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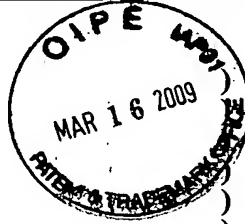
**In re U.S. Patent Application of  
KAGEHIRO et al.**

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**For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRACING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 16, 2009, with the payment of the requisite fee for an extension of time of three months. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: